

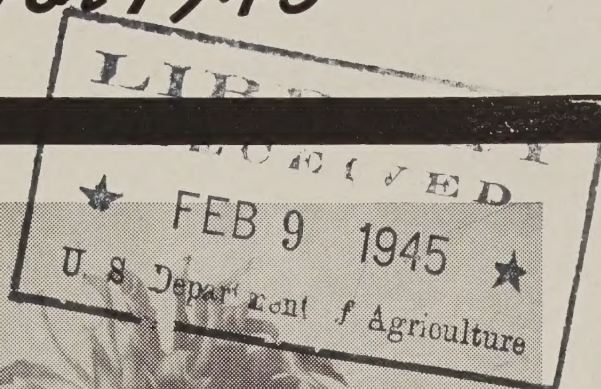
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# Desirable Dahlias For 1945



*"Golden Wedding"*

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# STATION ANNOUNCEMENT

*Please read carefully, all of it.*

The season just past has been a hectic one in many ways, and we cannot predict that 1945 will be any better. Last season mistakes were made in the rush of shipping (we made them as well as others) for dependable help is just not now available. We will do everything in our power to see that your orders are carefully packed and to reach you in good growing condition.

The past two seasons have proven that many persons are getting more acquainted with their own home grounds and the demands for dahlias and other flowers have reached an all time high producing an acute shortage all over the country. Our advance orders have depleted many of our varieties and others are available in limited quantities only, consequently our catalogue offerings are of necessity much smaller than other years.

**GUARANTEE**—We fully guarantee all our stock to be free from disease, true to name and in good growing condition when you receive it. If any fail to grow or in any way prove untrue we stand ready to replace it or refund the full purchase price. More than this we cannot accept responsibility for.

**TERMS**—We require cash with order, or sufficient amount to hold early orders till shipping time, balance to be paid before shipment. WE DO NOT ship C. O. D. This is an added expense to you and extra work for us. We just do not have any extra time. By placing your order early it will relieve the spring rush.

We prepay charges on orders over \$2.00. Less than that kindly send enough postage to cover. Stamps in any denomination accepted up to \$5.00. Make all checks and Money Orders payable to J. E. HULIN.

**EARLY SHIPMENTS**—If at all possible please do not ask us to ship during extremely cold weather in your location, as under the present condition of shipping, there is no guarantee of safe arrival from freezing. If necessary we are prepared to pack as frost proof as possible and ship only at Purchaser's risk and expense.

**PLEASE REMEMBER**—Write your name and address as plainly as possible, print it is safer. Also if your city is zoned give your zone number.

**WASHINGTON CUSTOMERS**—Be sure to include the sales tax.

Address all communications and orders to

**J. E. HULIN**

**Cottage Grove Dahlia Gardens**

5964 Delridge Way

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## *Key To Types*

F.D.—Formal Decorative

I.D.—Informal Decorative

Cac.—Cactus

S.C.—Semi-Cactus

M.C.—Miniature Cactus

M.B.—Miniature Ball

Col.—Collarette

M.D.—Miniture Decorative



# DESIRABLE DAHLIAS

## *For Your 1945 Gardens*

As in the past we are offering only varieties that have been well tested and have performed well for us. Many varieties are well known and light descriptions only will be given. You will find all the offerings in alphabetical arrangement regardless of the year of introduction. Roots only are offered. Our plant department is operating along another line.

- AILS BELLE** (Hulin)—Informal of raspberry red with a shade lighter on the reverse. Wonderful as a cut flower with stems as long as you wish. Every one likes this beauty. Roots.....\$2.00
- AVALON**, F.D.—Nice size clear yellow on good stems. A fine number as a cut flower. Nice bush and good root maker. .... .35
- AMELIA S**, F.D.—Extra large violet rose often reaching 13 inches on good strong stems. Nice growing bush. .... 3.50
- ADELE HENDERSON** F.D.—Lovely citron yellow with a flush of old rose. Sturdy growing bush with large blooms on good stems. .... 3.00
- ALICE MAY**, I.D.—Large pure white that has won many prizes. Nice growing bush with lots of blooms 1.00
- ALTMARK**, S.C.—A lovely lavender and white of good size on fine long stems. A splendid keeper.... .50
- AMERICAN PURITY**, F.D.—Large pure white—Sold out for this season.
- BLUE RIVER**, F.D.—Large violet blue on good stems. The nearest to a blue yet produced. A fine seed parent. .... .50
- CANARY CUP**, F.D.—A splendid canary yellow on good stems. .... .50
- CAVALCADE**, F.D.—Large mulberry pink on good stems. .... .50
- CHARLES MASTICK**, F.D.—One of the very best formals on the market. Extra deep blooms of orange and gold. Keeps long when cut. .... .75
- CHARLOTTE COLLIS**, I.D.—Very striking russet orange with gold tips held well on long stems. Tall bushes. .... 1.50
- CLARA CARDER**, F.D.—Extra large cyclamen pink, stiff stems. .... .50

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This season we have again added a few of the older number we enjoyed years ago. Francis Larocco, Coquette, Golden Standard, etc.

ILA is the best red pom we have ever grown.

- CORAL LADY, I.C.**—Clear coral pink like a large mum. Fine petals curl to the center. Alas it has a weak stem, but what a beauty. .... 1.00
- CONVENTION CITY, I.D.**—Very deep blooms on good stiff stems. The general color effect is jasper pink and carrot red. .... 1.00
- CLASSMAN, I.D.**—A striking color combination, creamy yellow with veins of lavender. Tall bush.... .75
- CHEER LEADER, F.D.**—Clear lavender pink. Good stems. .... 1.00
- COLOR SKETCH (Hulin) F.D.**—What a beauty says every one. The color is rose pink with stripes and spots of white. Average size 8 inches on splendid stems. You will be proud to grow this. .... 2.00
- COQUETTE, I.D.**—Large red and gold. Very flashy. .50

**GOLDEN WEDDING**—See picture on cover to get an idea of the fine formation of this flower. It is golden throughout and the stems hold it well up in the air. It is a very free bloomer and we have sold quantities of the blooms for the past four years. It did not get the honor of being on the rolls but it is definitely too good a “bread and butter dahlia” to keep a secret. We have a good stock of this and if you care to try it we are sure you will not be disappointed. The price is only ..... 3.50

- DARCY SAINSBURY, F.D.**—The best large white to come from Australia. The bush is sturdy, dark foliage. Stiff stems. Real good. .... .75
- DAI WONG, F.D.**—Extra large clear yellow on long stiff stems. The keeping qualities of this flower are wonderful. .... 1.00
- DEAN SHURTLEFF, I.D.**—Huge crimson blooms with full centers on long stiff stems. Tall bush. In all ways good. .... 2.00
- EDWARD T. BEDFORD, I.D.**—Large reddish purple with veins of silver. Nice growing bush well branched. .... .50
- ELLINOR M. RADELL, F.D.**—Tall bright pink of good size. Fine as a cut flower. .... .50
- ENKHART'S PRIMA, S.C.**—Salmon and gold. Sold out for this season.

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White is always popular. Next season we hope to offer a new white Miniature of three inches. **LITTLE WHITE CAP.**

Try your luck with seeds. It is a thrill even if you do not get a prize winner.

<b>EVELYN CHANDLER</b> , S.C.—Golden apricot. Sold out for this season.	
<b>FIGARO</b> , S.C.—Large yellow with red stripes. A sport of Satan. ....	1.00
<b>FIREBALL</b> , F.D.—Medium size bright red on good stems. ....	.50
<b>F. W. BECKETT</b> , I.D.—Huge yellow overlaid with pink. Dandy growing bush with the large blooms facing. ....	2.50
<b>FRANZ BERGER</b> , S.C.—Brick red of 8 inches on good stems. ....	.50
<b>FRANCIS LAROCCO</b> , F.D.—A splendid bright yellow that is always popular as a cut flower. Real good stems. ....	.50
<b>FRANK HAVERNER</b> , Ball—Large dark purple ball on long stems. ....	1.00
<b>GREATER GLORY</b> , S.C.—Large blooms of lavender and white. ....	1.00
<b>GRAND SLAM</b> , S.C.—Striking combination of pink. Out for this season.	
<b>GREY DAWN</b> , F.D.—Fine keeping white flushed orchid. 9 inch. ....	.50
<b>GOLDEN STANDARD</b> , S.C.—Nice size golden bronze. Always popular. ....	.50
<b>GIRL OF HILLCREST</b> , I.D.—Tall bush with large blooms of gold and russet. ....	.50
<b>GLAMOUR GIRL</b> , F.D.—Lovely warm buff and salmon pink. Blooms will average 9 inches on splendid stems. ....	1.00
<b>H. R. STOVEL</b> , I.D.—Large golden yellow with long stiff stems. The formation is attractive. Keeping qualities excellent. ....	.50
<b>HARRY MAYER</b> , F.D.—Large blooms of pale lavender purple. ....	.50
<b>HULIN'S MELODY</b> , S.C.—Exquisite blooms of yellow and rose. Tall bushes holding the blooms up high. Sold for this season.	
<b>INCANDESCENT</b> , I.D.—A seedling from Jane Cowl with a lot of pink throughout. Large blooms on strong stems. Good cut flower. ....	.75
<b>INDIAN SUMMER</b> , S.C.—Large golden yellow on splendid stems. Tall bushes hold the blooms well up. You will like this. ....	1.00
<b>IVORY PRINCESS</b> , S.C.—A grand dahlia of pure ivory. The large blooms are held on rigid stems. Tall bush well branched. ....	2.00

Many varieties are being withheld to increase stock for your pleasure another season.

A small root will produce as large a flower as a big root. Mark everything you grow. Know what is where.

<b>JUST RIGHT, F.D.</b> —A lovely pastel shade of light lavender and cream. Beautiful in every way. Average 8 inches by 4. ....	<b>.75</b>
<b>JUSTINUS KERNER, F.D.</b> —A pretty bi-color of red and white. Blooms 7 to 9 inches on good stems. Height 5 feet. ....	<b>1.00</b>
<b>JEFFERSONIAN, F.D.</b> —Large deep blooms of mauve pink. High full centers at all times. This is a real dahlia. ....	<b>1.50</b>
<b>JIMMY FOXX, I.D.</b> —Copper red with shades of henna. Blooms are from 9 to 11 inches on good strong stems. ....	<b>.50</b>
<b>JOSEPHINE G, I.D.</b> —Lovely shade of light pink with tips of gold. ....	<b>.50</b>
<b>JERSEY'S DAINTY, Cactus</b> of pure white about 8 inches. Sold out for this season.	
<b>KILGORE'S KING, I.D.</b> —Extra large yellow with shadings of rose. Long rigid stems. Nicely branching. ....	<b>1.00</b>
<b>KILGORE'S PURPLE, I.D.</b> —Large shaggy purple on good stems with a nice bush growth. ....	<b>.75</b>
<b>KISMET, Cactus</b> —Medium size of crimson red. Nice branching bush. ....	<b>.50</b>
<b>KATIE K, I.D.</b> —Extra large clear pink on exceptional stems. ....	<b>1.00</b>
<b>KENTUCKY, F.D.</b> —A salmon pink sport of Jersey's Beauty. Same bush growth with long stems. Wonderful keeper. ....	<b>.50</b>
<b>LYNN FONTANNE, S.C.</b> —Extra large scarlet. A winner all over the country. 13-inch blooms have been shown many times. ....	<b>2.50</b>
<b>MONARCH OF THE EAST, I.D.</b> —A giant flower of bronze and apricot. Good stem and dark green foliage. ....	<b>.75</b>
<b>MARY TAYLOR, Cactus</b> —A very lovely dahlia of a delicate flesh color with yellow at the base. Long stems hold it nicely. ....	<b>1.00</b>
<b>MARJORIE ROBERTS, I.D.</b> —A large white from Australia. Open bush well branched with flowers on strong stems. ....	<b>.75</b>
<b>MARIE SUTTLE, I.D.</b> —Large deep lavender from England. Tall bush with many branches. Extra large by disbudding. ....	<b>1.00</b>
<b>MARY ELLEN FORHAN, S.C.</b> —Rich crimson with a lighter reverse. Tall bushes with flowers well up on good strong stems. A prize winner at all Western shows. ....	<b>2.50</b>
<b>MAYOR OTIS, I.D.</b> —The largest flower in the dahlia world. Has been shown 15 inches. Golden yellow with a touch of copper. ....	<b>1.00</b>

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Prepare your ground well in advance of planting. It pays dividends.

<b>MAGIC PRINCE, S.C. (Hulin)</b> —Large lilac mauve with long stiff stems. Blooms average 9 inches. Sold out for this season.	
<b>MAD RIVER CHIEF, I.D.</b> —Large dark maroon on good stems. ....	.75
<b>MARIAM HOPKINS, S.C.</b> —Tall bush with large salmon pink blooms on good stiff stems. Very attractive. ....	.75
<b>MISS IONA, Cac.</b> —Lovely cerise blooms of 8 inch on good stems. This is a fine cut flower number.....	.50
<b>MISS OAKLAND, F.D.</b> —Nice size pure white. Medium tall bush with blooms held on good stems.....	.50
<b>MRS. GEO. LE BOUTELLIER, F.D.</b> —Extra large carmine red, often 12 inches and larger. Medium low bush. ....	.50
<b>ORIENTAL GLORY, I.D.</b> —Large golden orange. Nice formation and good stiff stems. ....	.50
<b>OMAR KHAYYAM, I.D.</b> —Large orange with shadings of red. Good bush growth and nice stem. ....	.50
<b>PREMIER'S MAJESTIC, I.D.</b> —Attractive salmon rose with a golden overcast. Excellent bush and strong stems. ....	.75
<b>PREMIER'S WINSOME, I.D.</b> —Soft amaranth pink of huge size, often 11 inches. Medium tall bush and excellent grower. ....	.75
<b>PINK GIANT, I.D.</b> —A real pink of large size with plenty of depth. Stiff stems hold the blooms well up.	1.00
<b>PRINCE OF PERSIA, I.D.</b> —A striking bright red of large size. Not new but still very popular.....	.50
<b>ROBERT TREAT, F.D.</b> —American beauty rose color of average 8 inch size on good stems. You will like this. ....	.50
<b>ROUGE BOUQUET, Cac.</b> —Very attractive bright red with veins of yellow. Tall bush and very profuse bloomer on good stems. ....	.75
<b>ROSE GLORY, F.D.</b> —Deep rose pink. Long stiff stems. 8 to 9 inch. ....	.50
<b>SALMON GIANT, I.D.</b> —Nice formed flower of salmon rose. Very free bloomer on good stems. Average size 9 inches field grown. ....	.50
<b>SPOTLIGHT, I.D.</b> —Still a very popular yellow of light shades. ....	.50
<b>SAN FRANCISCO, F.D.</b> —Extra large blooms of salmon pink. Tall. ....	.75
<b>SATAN, S.C.</b> —Large red and still one of the best....	.50
<b>SCARLET LEADER, I.D.</b> —The brightest red we ever grew. Tall bush but sold out for this season.	

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Stock is too short to offer many collections this season. Dahlias never go out of style. This year the style is More Dahlias.

<b>SANTA CLAUS, I.D.</b> —This dahlia has caused a lot of favorable comment. Large blooms of reddish orange with stripes of white and some white tips. Long stiff stems. Good keeper. ....	<b>5.00</b>
<b>TOWN TOPIC, F.D. (Hulin)</b> —Tall bushes with large formal blooms of pansy purple on extra long stiff stems. Some blooms come tipped white. Robust grower. Withheld to increase stock.	
<b>THE FIREMAN, I.D.</b> —Large bright red with fine veins of yellow. ....	<b>.50</b>
<b>THE COMMODORE, F.D.</b> —Extra large bright yellow. Low bush. ....	<b>.50</b>
<b>TOWER'S EMPIRE, I.D.</b> —Nice tall bush with very large golden yellow blooms. Stems are straight and strong. ....	<b>.50</b>
<b>VICTORY, F.D.</b> —A lovely clear pink held nearly upright on good stems. High full centers and fine keeper. ....	<b>1.00</b>
<b>VIRGINIA RUTE, I.D.</b> —Large attractive dark maroon. Medium tall. ....	<b>.75</b>
<b>WAKE ISLAND, I.D.</b> —Large dark red with veins of violet on the reverse. The blooms face on strong stems. Out for this season.	
<b>WENOKA, F.D.</b> —Large rose magenta on long stiff stems. ....	<b>.75</b>
<b>YOUR LUCKY STAR, S.C.</b> —Lovely large blooms of lavender pink with white centers. Well branching bush. ....	<b>1.00</b>



## Originator's Special

For your extra long blooming season you may have one root each of the following prepaid for only **\$5.00**:

**AILSA BELLE      COLOR SKETCH      GLAMOR GIRL**  
**CLIO      FONDA TAPO      TANGO STAR**



## Beginner's Collection

One root each:

**Betty Malone**, lovely pom  
**Color Sketch**, a pink and white beauty  
**Grace O'Neil**, pink and white miniature  
**Incandescent**, large bronze and pink  
**Mme. Baudewijn**, lavender min. cactus  
100 wired labels  
1 moisture proof pencil

**\$3.50 Prepaid**

# MINIATURES

These small dahlias resemble their larger cousins but are of an average 3 inch size. They make splendid arrangements and fine for table decorations. Most of them are splendid keepers as cut blooms.

<b>ANDREA'S ORANGE</b> , S.C.—Very showy bright orange, profuse bloomer. ....	.50
<b>ACE OF HEARTS</b> , I.D.—Small dark red with long stems. Tall bush. ....	.50
<b>BO-PEEP</b> —Deep purple about 3 inches. Nearly round formal. ....	.50
<b>BARBARA DOAN</b> —Low bush with plenty of good keeping blooms of white edged pink. This is semi-cactus and nearly top blooms. NEW. ....	1.00
<b>BABY GRAND</b> —Small semi-cactus of light lavender edged with white. Medium low bush with plenty color all season. ....	.50
<b>CARLOTTA</b> , F.D.—Tall bushes with light carmine red blooms. Each petal is notched. Very free bloomer. ....	.50
<b>CLIO</b> , S.C.—A prize winner for arrangements. Small blooms of baby pink and cream. Early and late bloomer. ....	.50
<b>CARRONE</b> , I.D.—Small waxy white blooms on fine stems. ....	.50
<b>CHANCELLOR</b> , Single—Very attractive dark brown petals with a darker zone center. Long stems.....	.50
<b>ESCORT</b> , I.D.—A seedling of Baby Royal with a tight full center at all times. Medium low bush with loads of salmon pink blooms. ....	.75
<b>ELVIRA</b> , Single white that makes a fine showing in arrangements. ....	.35
<b>FAIRY</b> , F.D.—Small violet rose on long stems. Good keeper. ....	.50
<b>FOX HOUND</b> —Duplex of bright tan with some petals showing a white stripe. Blooms all season in abundance. ....	.50
<b>FONDA</b> , F.D.—Striking color of orchid and old rose with a yellow glow at the base. Free bloomer all season on stiff stems. ....	.50
<b>GRACE O'NEIL</b> , S.C.—Deep shell pink with white tips. Lovely. ....	.50
<b>GRANITE FALLS</b> , Col.—Tall bush with lovely blooms of red with a yellow collar. Keeps for days when cut. ....	.50
<b>HELEN MALSTEAD</b> , Col.—Dark Spanish red with a cream collar. NEW. ....	1.00
<b>HELLEY BOUDEWIJN</b> , F.D.—Pure white with cupped petals. One of the best selling small whites we ever grew. Florists grab it. ....	.50
<b>KEWPIE</b> , I.D.—Small bright pink, sold out for this season.	

<b>KIKKY POO</b> , F.D.—Indian tan with a suffusion of rose. ....	.75
<b>LITTLE SLAM</b> , S.C.—Popular violet rose with a light center. Good strong stems. Low bush. Stock limited. ....	.50
<b>LANNIE</b> , F.D.—Tall bush with loads of bright yellow blooms. Nearly round on long stems. Splendid keeper. ....	.50
<b>MINTO</b> , F.D.—Dainty pink with cupped petals. Out for this season.	
<b>MME. BOUDEWIJN</b> , Cactus of small proportions. Violet purple on long stems. Wonderful cut flower number. ....	.50
<b>MARKET JEWEL</b> —Small bright red cactus. Sold for this season.	
<b>MARKET GLORY</b> , S.C.—Clear bright pink on fine stems. Good always. ....	.75
<b>MISS JULIA</b> , Col.—Tall bush with lots of dark maroon blooms with same collar. Very velvety and showy. ....	.50
<b>MAUVEEN</b> , S.C.—Small lavender mauve on good stems. Med. low. ....	.50
<b>ORCHID LADY</b> , F.D.—Popular orchid for the cut flower market. ....	.50
<b>ORANGE FLARE</b> , S.C.—Tall bush with bright orange blooms of 4 inches. Free bloomer all season. This is new. ....	1.00
<b>PANKIE</b> —Small single of rose red with a dark zone. Popular. ....	.50
<b>PERSIMMON</b> , I.D.—Small orange that blooms profusely all season. ....	.50
<b>PINKIE</b> , S.C.—Light lavender pink. Tall bushes always in bloom. ....	.50
<b>RITA MARIE</b> —Bronze formal of 3 inches. Keeping well when cut. ....	.50
<b>RENEE</b> , S.C.—Small orange buff. You will like it....	.50
<b>RUTH PAGE</b> , F.D.—Nearly a white ball with a faint tint of pink at the center. Long stems hold the blooms right. Good keeper. ....	1.00
<b>SPIRIT</b> , F.D.—Bright red with some blooms tipped white. ....	.50
<b>SNOW QUEEN</b> —White ball of fine formation. Stiff stems. ....	.50
<b>SAM GRADES</b> , F.D.—Good bright red, free bloomer, low bush. ....	.50
<b>TAPO</b> —Single of bright orange with yellow center.	.50
<b>TANGO STAR</b> —Stella type of lavender and white. Very curled petals. ....	.50
<b>WINE DROP</b> , F.D.—Small blooms of wine red. GOOD. ....	.50
<b>WHITE FAWN</b> , F.D.—Waxy white on good stems. The best yet. ....	.75



## POM PONS

The following list of Poms will fit your every need where this small type of Dahlia is desired. The list comprises some of the very best cut flower types that grow. All are exquisite in small receptacles as well as large, keeping well when cut.

**The following are all uniform price, 35c each**

One dozen varieties may be ordered at one time for **\$3.00**

**ATOM**—Very small orange red on long stems. Profuse bloomer.

**ARTHUR**—Small cardinal red.

**BANTAM**—Small bright red. Long stems.

**BETTY MALONE**—Extra small white tipped lavender.

**BETTY ANN**—Lavender pink of medium size. Good keeper.

**DORIA**—Dark maroon. Small size and nearly round.

**DR. JIM**—Purple with edges of white. Tall bush.

**DARKEST OF ALL**—Good all purpose dark purple.

**DAINTY MISS**—Small white with an overcast of pink.

**EDITH MUELLER**—Good small red with gold edges.

**FASHION**—Shades of gold and bronze Autumn colors.

**GERTRUDE**—A favorite in dark blood red.

**HAZEL**—A very small honey yellow.

**JOE FETTE**—The standard white for all purposes.

**JOHNNY PEPPIN**—Small free blooming dark crimson.

**LEMON DROP**—Small lemon yellow.

**LITTLE DAVID**—An exhibition russet orange. Perfect form.

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Moisture proof pencils will keep your wired labels always legible.

Please do not ask us to ship C. O. D. This takes extra time which we do not have.

**MORNING MIST**—White tipped lavender with rose at center.

**MARY MUNNS**—Good phlox purple for cutting or exhibition.

**MINNIE MELLS**—Small delicate lavender with white shadings.

**NELLIE FRAZIER**—A lovely blush pink edged rose.

**PEGGY ANN**—Orange tipped red. Tall and lots of bloom.

**PURE LOVE**—Lavender purple. A little large but good.

**TAKAS YELLOW**—Pure yellow on long stems. Fine keeper.

**YELLOW GEM**—Clear canary yellow. A general favorite.

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**The following at 50c each**

**BLACKTHORNE**—A dark velvety maroon from England. GOOD.

**CELESTIA**—Small exhibition white. Free bloomer on extra long stems.

**CHITA**—Pure canary yellow of exhibition and cutting quality.

**GOLDEN PHEASANT**—Pure golden on long strong stems. Fine keeper.

**ILA**—Nearly round deep wine red from Australia.

**MRS. FRENCH**—Very small lavender pink from England.

**ELSA**—Small creamy white on long stems. Extra good from England.

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## A Special Cutting Collection

One each of the following Miniatures and Pom Poms  
prepaid for \$5.00

Carlotta, Fairy, Pinkie, Tango Star, White Fawn, Wine Drop, Atom, Betty Malone, Edith Mueller, Mary Munns, Peggy Ann, Elsa, Celestia, Golden Pheasant, Takas Yellow.



COLOR SKETCH is such a beauty, I look at it several times a day, writes a customer from Washington.

Many a person has been converted from Golf to Gardening. It really is less expensive and just as healthy.

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AILSA BELLE produces an abundance of nice long keeping blooms.

Paper is being conserved with this catalog—Our descriptions are as brief as possible.

For a real free bloomer and good keeper try GOLDEN WEDDING.

# GROWING DAHLIAS SUCCESSFULLY

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There is no magic wand to be used in growing good dahlias and no secrets that the Grower is holding back. It has often been said that dahlias will grow in any soil. This is nearly true but it is true that the better the soil the better your dahlias will be. It is necessary to spade or plow the soil as deeply as possible and any well rotted manure or compost material spread over the soil in late fall to remain during the winter months will add greatly to the soil structure when turned under in the spring.

Dahlias should have all day sun if possible, but half day sun will be good providing it is the morning sun. If in too much shade the stalks will be slim and weak and the flowers of a poor color and substance with very poor keeping quality.

Plant your dahlia roots flat six inches deep in heavy soil and eight inches in light soil placing a strong stake at each root. Three feet apart for the large exhibition varieties and 18 inches for the miniatures and Poms. If you are crowded for room a dahlia root may be placed at each side of the stake, North and South. You get better exhibition blooms by running the rows North and South.

Little or no water is needed till the plants are about 10 or 12 inches high but keep the ground worked so that it does not cake at any time. If the weather gets very warm and the ground is drying out give them a real soaking to a depth of at least 8 inches, then cultivate the second day after. When the first buds appear it is good to give them a dressing of a well balanced fertilizer with a nitrogen content not over 3%. Use about ten pounds to a 50 ft. row working it into the soil along both sides of the row.

When buds form they need plenty of water, this means a good soaking at least every 20 days. To secure the best blooms pinch out the two side buds from each cluster of buds leaving the center and stronger one to develop. This will give you longer stems and much larger blooms.

Very few pests bother the dahlia. Spray well at first signs of thrip or aphid. We like the Red Arrow spray for

this purpose. Slugs are the most destructive of any pests. They can be successfully controlled by ringing the plants with any of the good slug baits now on the market.

Occasionally a dahlia from another locality will not respond to its best when planted in a new temperature. Save this one and plant again the following season when it very likely will be greatly improved.

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